



LOVE THAT TRANSFORMS

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • LIVING IT OUT

MARK 12:28–31 (NKJV)

- ²⁸THEN ONE OF THE SCRIBES CAME, AND HAVING HEARD THEM REASONING TOGETHER, PERCEIVING THAT HE HAD ANSWERED THEM WELL, ASKED HIM, “WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF ALL?”
- ²⁹JESUS ANSWERED HIM, “THE FIRST OF ALL THE COMMANDMENTS IS: ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.

MARK 12:28–31 (NKJV)

- ³⁰AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.
- ³¹AND THE SECOND, LIKE IT, IS THIS: ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.”

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- **DEUTERONOMY 6:5 (NKJV)**
- ⁵YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT — LOVING GOD FIRST

- BIG IDEA: LOVING GOD IS NOT EMOTIONAL AFFECTION ALONE—IT IS TOTAL DEVOTION EXPRESSED THROUGH OBEDIENCE, SACRIFICE, DESIRE, AND SURRENDER.

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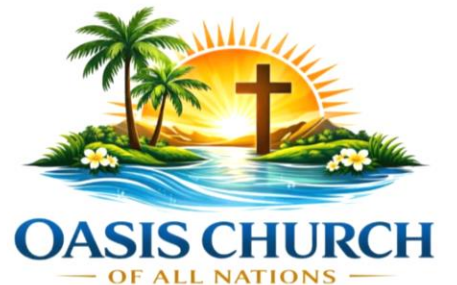
- JESUS DECLARES THAT LOVING GOD IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT, NOT BECAUSE IT IS EASIEST—BUT BECAUSE IT IS FOUNDATIONAL. EVERY OTHER COMMAND FLOWS FROM IT.
- THE WORD LOVE (GREEK: AGAPĒ) REFERS TO A DELIBERATE, SELF-GIVING COMMITMENT, NOT CONVENIENCE OR FEELING.

MARK 12:30 JESUS OUTLINES FOUR DIMENSIONS OF LOVING GOD

- **HEART** – OUR AFFECTIONS
- **SOUL** – OUR IDENTITY AND WILL
- **MIND** – OUR THOUGHTS AND VALUES
- **STRENGTH** – OUR ACTIONS AND RESOURCES
- GOD DOES NOT WANT PART OF US—HE WANTS ALL OF US.

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- LOVING GOD IS LIKE A MARRIAGE COVENANT, NOT A CASUAL RELATIONSHIP. A SPOUSE DOES NOT SAY, “I LOVE YOU WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT.” LOVE SHOWS UP IN FAITHFULNESS, SACRIFICE, AND PRIORITY.
- HOW SHOULD WE LOVE GOD?





**TRANSFORMED
BY LOVE**

THREE PRACTICAL WAYS TO LOVE GOD

**FIRST, WE MUST
UNDERSTAND
GOD'S LOVE**

1. GOD'S LOVE IS FORGIVING



- **LUKE 15:7 (NKJV)**

- ⁷I SAY TO YOU THAT LIKEWISE THERE WILL BE MORE JOY IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS THAN OVER NINETY-NINE JUST PERSONS WHO NEED NO REPENTANCE.

2. GOD'S LOVE IS BEYOND MEASURE & ETERNAL



- **ROMANS 8:38–39 (NKJV)**
- ³⁸FOR I AM PERSUADED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS NOR PRINCIPALITIES NOR POWERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT NOR THINGS TO COME,
- ³⁹NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANY OTHER CREATED THING, SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

3. GOD'S LOVE IS INEXHAUSTIBLE

- **PSALM 136:1 (NKJV)**
- ¹OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD! FOR HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.



4. GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

- **JOHN 3:16 (NKJV)**

- ¹⁶FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.



4. GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

- 1 JOHN 4:8–9 (NKJV)
- ⁸HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD,
FOR GOD IS LOVE.
- ⁹IN THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED TOWARD US, THAT GOD HAS SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD, THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.

4. GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

- **1 JOHN 4:19**
19 WE LOVE
HIM BECAUSE
HE FIRST LOVED
US.





3. PRACTICAL WAYS TO LOVE GOD

1. LOVE GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE & SERVICE

- JOHN 14:15 – “IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.”
 - PROCRASTINATION
 - UNCOMFORTABLE
- OBEDIENCE IS LOVE MADE VISIBLE.
- SERVICE IS LOVE IN ACTION



1. LOVE GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE & SERVICE

- **JOHN 21:17 (NKJV)**
- ¹⁷HE SAID TO HIM THE THIRD TIME, “SIMON, SON OF JONAH, DO YOU LOVE ME?” PETER WAS GRIEVED BECAUSE HE SAID TO HIM THE THIRD TIME, “DO YOU LOVE ME?” AND HE SAID TO HIM, “LORD, YOU KNOW ALL THINGS; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.” JESUS SAID TO HIM, “FEED MY SHEEP.



2. LOVE GOD THROUGH DESIRE AND PURSUIT

- "LOVING GOD REQUIRES EVERYTHING WE HAVE AND ARE.
- JESUS ASKED PETER THREE TIMES IF HE LOVED HIM. FIRST & SECOND TIME JESUS SAID, "DO YOU LOVE (GREEK AGAPE). THE THIRD TIME, JESUS USED THE WORD TRANSLATED FROM GREEK WORD PHILIO (SIGNIFYING AFFECTION, AFFINITY, OR BROTHERLY LOVE) ... ARE YOU MY FRIEND? EACH TIME PETER RESPONDED WITH THE WORD TRANSLATED INTO GREEK AS PHILEO...LASB"
- "DO YOU LOVE JESUS?" ARE YOU EVEN HIS FRIEND

2. LOVE GOD THROUGH DESIRE AND PURSUIT



- PSALM 63:1 – “MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU.”
- WHAT YOU HUNGER FOR REVEALS WHAT YOU LOVE.

3 LOVE GOD THROUGH WORSHIP AND SURRENDER

- WORSHIP IS NOT JUST SINGING—IT'S YIELDING CONTROL.
- **ROMANS 12:1 (NKJV)**¹ I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YOU PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.

3. LOVE GOD THROUGH WORSHIP AND SURRENDER

- ...EXAMINE WHAT COMPETES FOR FIRST PLACE IN YOUR HEART
- REALIGN YOUR TIME, RESOURCES, AND ATTENTION TOWARD GOD
- IS YOUR LOVE FOR GOD VISIBLE IN HOW YOU LIVE?



- THROUGH LOVE HE CAME AND DIED FOR YOU. HE GAVE YOU LIFE AND TRANSFORMED YOU.
- IT IS YOUR TURN TO LOVE

NUMBERS 6:24–26 (NKJV)

- 24“THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
- 25THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU,
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
- 26THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON
YOU, AND GIVE YOU PEACE.” ’

